The spare parts of these vehicles are imported at an import duty ranging from concessional rate of 5% to peak rate of 30%.

Currently the national average of sales tax is around 12% *ad valorem*.

Formation of Joint Working Group

1287. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Joint Working Group is to be formed by Government for regular interaction to remove impediments to industrial growth;

(b) if so, whether Government are also considering grant of price preference to domestic industry in accordance with the provisions of the World Trade Organisation;

(c) whether any steps in this regard have been taken; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The Department of Heavy Industry have already constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Heavy Industry) for identifying impediments faced by the Capital goods Industry in India and to find solutions.

(b) to (d) The domestic industry already enjoys price preference in respect of projects financed by the International Agencies like World Bank guidelines and is compatible with WTO regime.

Performance of PSUs in Gujarat

1288. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of PSUs located in the State of Gujarat during the last three years; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to improve the performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) As per Public Enterprises Survey 2000-01, as on 31.3.2001, there were two Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) whose registered office is located in the state of Gujarat namely Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd. (IPCL) and NTC (Gujarat) Ltd. The performance of these CPSUs in last three years in terms of profit/(-) loss is as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of CPSU	98-99	99-00	2000-01
1.	IPCL***	29.36	188.84	248.90
2.	NTC (Gujarat) Ltd.	-99.87	-177.66	-141.45

***Disinvested on 4.6.2002 and is no longer CPSU.

Enterprise specific steps are being taken by the Administrative Ministries/ Departments/Management of CPSUs on case to case basis from time to time to improve their performance which is continuous process. Some of the steps include financial restructuring, modernization of plant and machinery, cost control measures, rationalization of manpower, improved marketing strategies, formation of Joint Ventures etc. as the case may be.

Foreign Investment in Information and Broadcasting Sector

†1289. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

(a) whether there has been foreign capital investment in the Information and Broadcasting Sector following the approval of foreign capital investment in this sector;

(b) if so, the total worth of foreign capital investment proposals approved till the end of March, 2002; and

(c) the actual amount of capital investment made therefrom and the amount which is likely to be received by the investors against this capital investment as dividend per annum?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.